

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The USPTO has issued a Notice of Omitted Items in a Non-Provisional Application. The Office alleges that pages 53, 59, 61, 63, 64, 79, 91, 102, and 132 were omitted from the application as filed.

The USPTO has already acknowledged receipt of the omitted items as of the filing date of the application. Under section 503 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP), a returned, un-annotated postcard is *prima-facie* evidence that all the items properly identified and itemized on the postcard were received by the Patent and Trademark office on the date stamped on the postcard (Office Date stamp). Enclosed is a photocopy of the postcard filed with the application and properly identifying and itemizing the papers filed with the application. Specifically, the postcard identifies a specification having 159 pages, and there is no annotation on the postcard noting that fewer than 159 pages were received. The length of the complete specification including pages 53, 59, 61, 63, 64, 79, 91, 102, and 132 is 159 pages. Thus, the returned, un-annotated postcard (**EXHIBIT A** - copy of return receipt postcard -front and back side) provides *prima-facie* evidence of receipt in the Patent and Trademark Office of pages 53, 59, 61, 63, 64, 79, 91, 102, and 132 of the above-captioned application.

Applicants have included herewith courtesy copies of pages 53, 59, 61, 63, 64, 79, 91, 102, and 132 of the Specification, attached as **EXHIBIT B**.

Applicants respectfully requests that pages 53, 59, 61, 63, 64, 79, 91, 102, and 132 be included in the Specification, and that the entire 159 pages of the present application be afforded the September 29, 2003 filing date.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the

cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to  
Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing 554792000401. However, the Commissioner is not  
authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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